

H.735 2014 EXECUTIVE FEE BILL SUMMARY

As passed by the House

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Department of Taxes

Sec. 1 Non-Sufficient Fund Check Charges

Adjusts the penalty for non-sufficient funds on payments to executive branch departments from \$13 to \$20 and applies the penalty to online ACH payments in addition to paper checks. All penalties will now go directly to the department from which the charge originated and a portion will no longer be dedicated to the general fund. The expansion of the penalty will generate approximately \$44,000 in new special fund revenue for executive branch departments and will subtract approximately \$12,000 from the General Fund.

Sec. 2 Use Value Appraisal Filing (Current Use)

Raises the fee for a use value appraisal filing from \$30 to \$70. This fee increase will generate approximately \$60,000 in new special fund revenue.

Lottery Commission

Sec. 3 Lottery Agent License Fees

Increases the one-time licensing fee for lottery ticket sales agents from \$15 to \$50. This fee will generate approximately \$1,200 in new Lottery Enterprise Fund revenue.

Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Sec. 4 'Market Vermont' Logo Program

Establishes a new program to market goods that are made in Vermont. Authorizes an annual fee of not more than \$150 per enrolled product line to pay for the costs of administering the program. This fee will generate approximately \$56,200 of new special fund revenue.

Sec. 5 Mobile Home Park Registration Fee

Raises the fee that mobile park owners must pay for leased and occupied lots from \$9 to \$12 annually. This increase will generate approximately \$19,500 in new special fund revenue.

Sec. 6 Historic Site Admission Fee/Archeology Collection Fee

Raises the maximum fee that may be charged for entry to State Historic Sites from \$8 to \$12. The maximum fee is expected to only be applied to Plymouth Notch State Historic Site (Calvin Coolidge) and will generate approximately \$8,268 in new revenue. Additionally, the one-time charge for archival boxes for the storage and maintenance of archeological items will be raised from \$400 to \$500. This fee increase is not expected to generate any new revenue in FY15.

Department of Labor

Sec. 7 Worker's Compensation Fund

The worker's compensation premium assessment will remain at 1.45%. The assessment for self-insured workers will remain at 1.00%. No additional revenue will be generated.

Sec. 8 Tramways Inspection

Removes the \$25/hr. limit that the Department of Labor may charge to tramway operators for any special, outside assistance provided during tramway inspections. This will not generate any new revenue.

Secretary of State

Sec. 9-11 Lobbyist Registration Fees

Increases initial registration fees for lobbyists and employers from \$25 to \$50. Increases the fee levied upon employers for each engaged lobbyist and upon lobbyists for each employer represented from \$5 to \$10. Increases late registration fees and late disclosure fees from \$10 to \$25 per day and the maximum late fee from \$175 to \$350. Establishes an initial lobbying firm listing fee of \$100. This will generate approximately \$40,550 in new special fund revenue.

Sec. 12-18 Professional Regulation Fees

Lowers the annual professional fees for chiropractors and optometrists and increases the fees for engineers, funeral directors, embalmers, crematory establishments, removal personnel, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, licensed nursing assistants, real estate brokers and real estate offices. These fee changes will raise approximately \$589,145 in new special fund revenue.

Department of Public Safety

Sec 19-21

Establishes a fee for the storage of firearms surrendered pursuant to relief from abuse orders. Fees will be set at no more than \$4 per item, per week for storage and no more than \$25 upon retrieval. The annual revenue impact is unknown at this time. Establishes a requirement for the Dept. of Public Safety to report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on April 15, 2014 regarding implementation of the program and annually thereafter.

Department of Finance and Management

Sec. 22 Technical Correction

Corrects the name of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development in 32 VSA § 605.

State of Vermont Judiciary

Sec. 23-25 Judicial Fees

Increases the fees listed under 32 VSA § 1431 and § 1434. These fee increases will be made to cover the loss of the 5% judicial fee surcharge, which expires on July 1, 2014. The fee increases will generate approximately \$35,334 in net new revenue with \$13,933 going to the general fund and the remainder, fees for the filing of a will, going to the county of jurisdiction.

Vermont Information Consortium (VIC)

Sec 26-28 Fees for Credit Card Payments

Increases the fees levied upon credit card payments to the Tax Department and DMV as follows:

- a) From 2% only on tax payments over \$200 up to 3% for all tax payments
- b) From 2.5% to 3% for all over-the-counter DMV payments

All additional revenue will go directly to VIC and will not affect state revenues. VIC has estimated the new revenue to be approximately \$55,000. The 3% fee for tax payments using a credit card will sunset on July 1, 2016 to enable Legislative review.

New Revenue		
Fund	Administration	House Passed
Special	850,651	801,401
Lottery Enterprise	1,200	1,200
General	1,933	1,933
Transportation	16,492	16,492
State Total	870,276	821,026
VIC	55,000	55,000
County	21,401	21,401
Grand Total	946,677	897,427